Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Some of them were replaced.

CULVERT No. 35 PATTAMBI-CHOWGHAT ROAD—REMOVAL OF

205. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has received any petition from Rev. Father Mathai, Vicar, New Cathedral Patriarch's Party Church, Arthat village, in Talappalli Taluk in Thulam 1109 or at a later date complaining about the inconveniences to the congregation about the existence of culvert No. 35 at the 16/1 in the Pattambi-Chowghat road just in front of the Church;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government took any steps to remove the same;

(*c*) in case the order passed was against the removal, will the Government be pleased to reconsider the proposal and re-institute an enquiry as to (i) whether after all there is any necessity of a culvert of that type through which very little water flows, (ii) the shifting of the culvert to a few yards to the north opposite to the new Panchayat road going to the eastern paddy fields could not be considered, and (iii) whether big concrete pipes will not suit the purpose of the bridge opposite to the Panchayat road referred to above;

(*d*) in case the answers to the above questions are favourable, will the Government be pleased to undertake the work of shifting the location of the culvert to the northern site proposed above?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The subject was enquired into and an estimate for a new culvert was prepared; but it could not be taken up due to paucity of funds and in view of other urgent works requiring priority.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to subdivision (*b*).

(*d*) The work will be taken up next year if funds permit.

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